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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 15, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representative.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
We give You thanks, O God, for giving us another day.

We ask Your blessing upon this assembly and upon all to whom the authority of government is given. Help them to meet their responsibilities during these days, to attend to the immediate needs and concerns of the moment, all the while enlightened by the majesty of Your creation and Your eternal Spirit.

We give You thanks that we all can know and share the fruits of Your Spirit, especially in this time the virtue of tolerance and reconciliation, of justice and righteousness, of goodwill and understanding, of patience and loving care for others.

Watch over this House and cause Your blessing to be upon each Member, that they might serve all the people with sincerity and truth.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE EDWARD J. MARKEY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 15, 2013.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: I am writing to inform you that I will resign my seat in the United States House of Representatives in order to serve in the United States Senate as a Senator from Massachusetts. My resignation from the United States House of Representatives is effective at the close of business on Monday, July 15, 2013.

I have enclosed a copy of the letter of resignation that I sent to Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick indicating the same.

Respectfully,
EDWARD J. MARKEY.

Hon. DEVAL PATRICK,
Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
State House—Room 280, Boston, MA.

DEAR GOVERNOR PATRICK: It has been my privilege to represent my Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives for almost 37 years. I am greatly honored by the trust and confidence placed in me by the people who live in these

communities and proud of the work that I have been able to contribute to Massachusetts and our country.

I hereby resign my seat in the United States House of Representatives effective at the close of business on Monday, July 15, 2013 in order to assume the office of United States Senator from Massachusetts.

Respectfully,
EDWARD J. MARKEY.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill and a Concurrent Resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2289. An act to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA.

H. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony honoring the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of his birth.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2235. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Lacey Act Implementation Plan: Definitions for Exempt and Regulated Articles [Docket No.: APHIS-2009-0018] (RIN:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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